

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

MEETING SUMMARY

Members Present: Roy Chavera, Peter Myo Khin, Fisseha Adugna, Jerold Samet, Faustina Smith-Neil, Fred Stichnoth, Richard Romer, Curtis Watkins, Jeffrey Bond, Dr. Shivonne Laird, Hildegard Sylla, Fatmata Barrie, Jeremiah Pope.

Guests Present: Jonathan Genn, Ayana Lambert, Commander Marcus Jones, Mara Parker, Joy Nurmi, Dan Wilhelm, Mark Pharaoh, Mitra Pedoeem, Ed Weiler, Monica Jeffries Hazangeles, Eliot Pfanstiehl, Jan DeGilio, Mensah Adjogah, Andrew Dan, Mark Harman, Leeyaffe Stark, Margaret Poore, Mark Doore, Alicia Jones Mclead, Terence McLeod.

Staff Present: Jewru Bandeh and Chiffon Smith

Special Guest Presentation: Jonathan Genn, Executive VP, GLSDC presented an Overview/Update on the Concept Plan for Viva White Oak/Site II Joint Development with Montgomery County.

- Genn introduced his longstanding employer as the Gudelsky family who he has tremendous respect and trust in regarding economic development and impact on community. The land on future Viva White Oak/Site II is owned by the Gudelsky family. He has worked for them about 30 years, and Ayana Lambert joined them about 12 years ago.
- Genn described the Gudelsky family as a great corporate partner and philanthropists who have a proven track record of success. Examples are: John Hopkins university, UMD Shady Grove, Willows of Potomac, and more.
- This initiative is starting out with a 1.3-billion-dollar investment in the biomedical global health industry.
- They also used very successful consulting firms for input and to do a critical analysis of the entire project, and through the results of that analysis they saw they had the ingredients (FDA HQ) of a highly successful initiative that should accelerate in exponential growth more than any other biomedical initiative in the country.
- They recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hyderabad, India, on a collaborative venture. It is the “Silicon Valley” in India, so it is a very prestigious business partner.
- All new business clusters, partners, will be validated before joining the Global Lifescience Development Corporation.
- The reason they feel they will attract prestigious business partners or clusters, is because of the international renowned companies that will join GLDC because of its connection with FDA.
- The mission of FDA includes the advancement of global health.
- Genn showed visual displays in hard form, of the property lines and surrounding land area for development.
- GLSDC is a private developer that was selected by the county through due process.
- The vision for GLSDC is to create a unique mixed use community in partnership with the Food and Drug Administration. There is nothing like it worldwide so the prestige of the association with FDA will no doubt attract top shelf business partners which includes but is not limited to:

STEM based science/research companies, STEM related academic partners, patient advocacy groups, biotech related companies, hotels, conference centers, food and beverage companies, new housing, etc., all to create a vibrant mixed use community that lives/operates 7 days a week, 24/7.

- New employment opportunities are estimated to be approximately 10,000 new permanent direct hire jobs on site, about 6000 induced jobs as spin-offs from permanent jobs i.e. sub-contractors, about 5000 temporary jobs that could last over a decade due to ongoing construction and related enhancements, and approximately 2000 additional jobs from the birth of the Washington Adventist Hospital, neighboring Viva White Oak.
- There is a projected 30-year bond period with a net return to the County of about 1.3 billion dollars as a fiscal benefit.
- When the County issued the Request for Proposals to select the developer, there was a great deal of community involvement in the selection process. The developer actively sought community input and related stake holder input for many years. From the start, there was community participation in creating the vision which was shared and embraced by the County Executive Isiah Leggett who then selected the GLDC/Percontee as the developer.
- The Master Plan was voted on and approved by the County Council and currently they are channeling through the various processes to implement the vision.
- Jonathan Genn showed a brief You tube video (It's East County's Time) that included current ECCAB board members, community residents and related stakeholders, all in support of the White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan and planned developments.
- This new mixed use town center will be located right next to the FDA campus. It could be one of the most prominent biomedical clusters in the country.

Comments/questions on the presentation from those in attendance included/were related to:

- affordable housing
- concerns that some current White Oak residents will not benefit and might be forced to relocate, as property values or rent would force them out, unfairly impact particularly African Americans and the Latin American community.
- New employment opportunities for current residents
- Opportunities for STEM internships for local high school and college students

New Business/Update from East County Regional Services Center Director, Jewru Bandeh:

- The next ECCAB meeting will include a presentation from the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services who will provide update on a public private initiative to promote greater access to services for East County residents.
- There are plans to expand the Strathmore programs and services to East County. The new Good Hope Community Recreation Center (to be built) will include Strathmore programming
- The ECCAB new board member orientation was completed. There are still two vacancies pending selection.
- The People's Community Wellness Center at the ECRSC will be closing at the end of December 2016. The ECRSC Director is working with DHHS to expand Mobilemed services.
- Strong efforts remain ongoing to improve employment prospects for ESOL adults.
- Regarding the "Mega Church-Jesus House" matter in Cloverly, neighborhood representatives submitted documents to ECCAB, which highlights their concerns.
- Regarding the Senior Center, the survey for public input was completed. Plans include that senior residents will have designated parking on one side. There will be shared parking on the other side of the adjacent parking lot.

- The next Quality of Life sub-committee will be November 7th, 7pm.
- He recommended that the ECCAB start talks on the next Leadership Summit.

Update from ECCAB Planning/Economic Development Committee Chair, Peter Myo Khin:

- Jan DeGilio, a Cloverly community representative made a presentation to the PED committee on the community's issues related to the Jesus House moving into their neighborhoods at 15730 New Hampshire Avenue.
- The PED Committee is stilling awaiting to meet with the staff at the Planning Board and Department of Environmental Protection to gather facts as well as await the staff recommendations to the Planning Board before making a recommendation to the full board.
- The Cloverly community advocates have been informed of our process to gather facts, analyze them, and to develop a recommendation to submit to the entire ECCAB board.
- The chairperson also provided a brief overview of the charrette for the Maydale Nature and Conservancy Center.

Update from ECCAB Chair, Roy Chavera:

- The chair emphasized that all board members should sign up for at least one sub-committee.

Update from the 3rd District Police, Commander Marcus Jones:

- Local crime statistics have stabilized in general, noting that they made some recent arrests in Burtonsville.
- He thanked the community for participating in the successful turnout for the “Drug Take-Back Program.”
- The Police Chief started a youth liaison group which will meet next week at Paint Branch High School.
- Commander Jones was selected to attend the FBI National Academy. He reports to the FBI Academy in January 2017. A brief description of the academy was provided.
- Lt. Fitzgerald will assume Commander’s role at ECCAB in his absence.
- Board Member Fatmata Barrie thanked him for his attendance at the White Oak Community meeting on policing, which she described as a very positive networking meeting.
- Board Member Fisseha Adugna thanked Commander Jones for hosting the community visit to MCPD 3rd District-Coffee with Police event.
- Board Member Jerold Samet commented how he enjoyed the visit to the MCPD 4th District as well.
- The Commander was asked about the response to delays in rape kit processing, and he responded that there will be a meeting on November 21st to explain the reasons for the delay and solution to address issue.

Update from Montgomery County Council Staff Member, Mara Parker:

- There are ongoing efforts and time being spent on the sub-division staging policy which should be put to vote on November 15th.
- The County Council will host a Town Hall Meeting on November 9th at 7pm.

- The County Council will hold a Brown Bag lunch with Regional Services Directors, including Mr. Bandeh on November 29th.
- On November 14th at 9:30am, the Council will continue discussion regarding the 911 disruption that occurred in summer 2016.
- On November 21st at 9:30 am, there will be a meeting with MCPD regarding public safety, response to sexual assaults, and related changing policies.
- The Chief of Police also started a youth group meeting for the LGBT community.
- On December 1st at 2pm, there will be a joint Council committee meeting on Early Childhood matters. This meeting can be streamed, attended live, viewed on local cable TV and will be on video access through the Council's website.

Approval of October 2016 Meeting Summary:

- Board Member Peter Khin made a motion for approval of the October 2016 ECCAB Meeting Summary, which was seconded by Dr. Shivonne Laird and unanimously approved by Board.

Citizens' Comments:

- Comments included mostly short positive acknowledgements of ECCAB discussions.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned about 9:00 pm.